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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ERIC GROVE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BEAN DREDGING, LLC, et al.

Defendants.

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Civ. No: 07 CV 8650

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The Honorable John G. Koeltl

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ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Defendants Bean Dredging, LLC, Bean Excavation, LLC, and C.F. Bean, LLC, by their undersigned attorneys, answer the Complaint filed herein by Plaintiff Eric Grove as follows:

ANSWER TO FIRST COUNT

1. The averments in Paragraph 1 of Plaintiff's Complaint are conclusions of law and therefore are denied.

2. The averments in Paragraph 2 of Plaintiff's Complaint are conclusions of law and therefore are denied.

3. Admitted as to Bean Excavation LLC; otherwise denied.

4. Admitted in part; denied in part. It is admitted only that Plaintiff was in the employ of defendant Bean Excavation LLC on July 21, 2006. The remaining averments in Paragraph 4 of Plaintiff's Complaint are denied.

5. Admitted in part; denied in part. It is admitted only that Plaintiff was in the employ of defendant Bean Excavation LLC on July 21, 2006. The remaining averments in Paragraph 5 of Plaintiff's Complaint are denied.

6. Denied.

7. Denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendants demand judgment in their favor and against Plaintiff dismissing Count I of his Complaint with prejudice.

ANSWER TO SECOND COUNT

8. Answering defendants repeat and re-allege each and every answer to paragraphs one through seven of Plaintiff's Complaint and incorporate the same herein as if fully set forth at length.

9. Denied.

10. The averments in Paragraph 10 of Plaintiff's Complaint are conclusions of law and therefore are denied.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Bean Dredging, LLC, Bean Excavation, LLC, and C.F. Bean, LLC demand judgment in their favor and against Plaintiff dismissing Count II of his Complaint with prejudice, and further demand judgment in their favor dismissing the Complaint in its

entirety and for attorneys' fees, and such other relief as the Honorable Court may deem appropriate.

FIRST DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to state a claim against answering defendants for which relief can be granted.

SECOND DEFENSE

The damages or injuries alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, if they occurred, which is denied, were the result of acts, errors, omissions or negligence of other parties for which answering defendants are not responsible.

THIRD DEFENSE

The plaintiff's own negligence was the sole cause of his alleged injuries and accordingly, plaintiff's claims must be dismissed.

FOURTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff was contributorily negligent and any damages to which he is entitled must be reduced accordingly.

FIFTH DEFENSE

The damages or injuries, or some portion thereof, alleged in Plaintiff's Complaint, if they occurred, which is denied, were the result of the plaintiff's assumption of the risk, for which answering defendants are not responsible.

SIXTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's alleged damages, if any, were solely caused by the failure of Plaintiff to mitigate his damages.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

Plaintiff's claims are barred or decreased by the doctrine of setoff.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Bean Dredging, LLC, Bean Excavation, LLC, and C.F. Bean, LLC demand judgment in their favor and against Plaintiff dismissing the Complaint in its entirety and for attorneys' fees, and such other relief as the Honorable Court may deem appropriate and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: New York, New York
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel hereby certifies that service of a true and correct copy of Defendants' Answer was made to the below-listed counsel on November 2, 2007 via United States First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

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